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**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
STATEMENT OF FEDERAL LAND PAYMENTS  
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Honorable Art Agnos, Chairman  
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Audit Committee  
State Capitol, Room 3151  
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Dear Mr. Chairman and Members:

The Office of the Auditor General presents its report concerning payments received from the federal government for activities on federal lands located in California. The report certifies that \$12.5 million of the monies received for activities on federal land were distributed to various local governments to compensate them for lost property taxes on federal lands. As noted in the report, \$9.5 million came from the U.S. Forest Service.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas W. Hayes".  
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## INTRODUCTION

In compliance with Federal Department of the Interior regulations, we have audited the State of California's Statement of Federal Land Payments. We conducted this audit under the authority vested in the Auditor General by Section 10500 et seq. of the California Government Code.

To comply with Public Law 97-258 (Title 31 United States Code, Sections 6901 through 6907), the Governor or the Governor's delegate must submit to the Secretary of the Interior a statement of amounts that the State has received and transferred to each unit of local government within the State under certain federal payment laws. These payments compensate for the property taxes that units of local government would have collected on tax-exempt federal land. The Secretary of the Interior makes the payments based on a statutory formula applicable to federal land that is located within units of local government. The Secretary of the Interior uses the Statement of Federal Land Payments to compute the annual payments to units of local government within whose jurisdiction certain federally owned lands are located.

From October 1, 1982, through September 30, 1983, the State of California received \$55.6 million under federal payment laws. Of this total, the State transferred \$12.5 million to eligible units of local government, transferred \$37.8 million to school districts or county

school service funds, and retained or used for other purposes \$5.3 million. State statutes contain provisions for apportioning and disbursing these monies; the State Controller administers these provisions.



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To the Joint Legislative Audit Committee of the California Legislature:

We have examined the State of California's Statement of Federal Land Payments covering the period from October 1, 1982, through September 30, 1983. Federal law requires that the Governor or the Governor's delegate submit this statement to the Bureau of Land Management within the Department of the Interior. We made our examination in accordance with both the standards for audit of governmental organizations, programs, activities, and functions, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, as they apply to financial and compliance examinations, and the Audit Guide for the Bureau of Land Management Payments in Lieu of Taxes Program prepared by the Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Department of the Interior. Our examination included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary under the circumstances.

The Statement of Federal Land Payments was prepared on the basis of cash disbursements made by the State of California to counties of the State for distribution to eligible units of local government under Title 31 United States Code, Section 6901, *et seq.* This basis of reporting federal land payments is prescribed by U.S. Department of the Interior Rules and Regulations (Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1881.0-5) and is in accordance with the provisions of the October 16, 1978, decision of the Comptroller General of the United States (B-167553). The Statement of Federal Land Payments is not intended to be presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. This report is intended solely for filing with governmental regulatory agencies and is not intended for any other purpose.

In our opinion, the Statement of Federal Land Payments for the period from October 1, 1982, through September 30, 1983, presents fairly the payments made by the State of California to counties of the State for distribution to qualified units of local government under Title 31 United States Code, Section 6901, et seq., in accordance with the regulatory requirements pertaining to the basis of accounting described in the preceding paragraph, a basis that was applied in a manner consistent with that of the preceding year.

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FEDERAL AGENCY MAKING PAYMENT AND TYPE OF PAYMENT

LOCAL UNIT	USFS NATIONAL FORESTS	USFS BANKHEAD- JONES	BLM MINERAL LEASING	BLM SEC. 3 SEC. 15	TAYLOR GRAZING	BLM BANKHEAD- JONES	BLM SALE MATERIALS	FERC POWER SALES	FNS REFUGEE REVENUE SHARING	TOTAL	RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS	RECOMMENDED FOR ACCEPTANCE
051015015 KEBN COUNTY	93,816	0	10,314	4,234	12,804	0	0	0	0	121,168	0	121,168
051016016 KINGS COUNTY	0	0	0	0	2,142	0	0	0	0	2,142	0	2,142
051017017 LAKE COUNTY	131,605	0	885,044	0	906	0	0	0	0	1,017,555	0	1,017,555
051018018 LASSEN COUNTY	667,117	0	8,079	13,652	0	0	0	0	0	688,848	0	688,848
051019019 LOS ANGELES COUNTY	96,920	0	13,860	0	64	0	0	0	0	110,844	0	110,844
051020020 MADERA COUNTY	129,345	0	0	0	420	0	0	0	0	129,765	0	129,765
051021021 MARIN COUNTY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
051022022 MARIPOSA COUNTY	71,023	0	0	0	3,877	0	0	0	0	74,900	0	74,900
051023023 MENDOCINO COUNTY	90,923	0	36,058	0	774	0	0	0	0	127,755	0	127,755
051024024 MERCED COUNTY	0	0	0	0	688	0	0	0	0	688	0	688
051025025 MODOC COUNTY	325,346	0	11,712	3,356	744	0	0	0	0	341,158	0	341,158
051026026 MONO COUNTY	135,587	0	48,132	2,503	991	0	0	0	0	187,213	0	187,213
051027027 MONTEREY COUNTY	10,441	0	0	0	2,416	0	0	0	0	12,857	0	12,857

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				SEC. 3	SEC. 15							
051001001 ALAMEDA COUNTY	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
051002002 ALPINE COUNTY	167,161	0	0	462	0	0	0	0	0	167,623	0	167,623
051003003 AMADOR COUNTY	150,890	0	0	0	2,039	0	0	0	0	152,929	0	152,929
051004004 BUTTE COUNTY	117,512	0	0	0	796	0	0	0	0	118,308	0	118,308
051005005 CALAVERAS COUNTY	41,013	0	0	0	899	0	0	0	0	41,912	0	41,912
051006006 COLUSA COUNTY	33,590	0	531	0	208	0	0	0	0	34,329	0	34,329
051007007 CONTRA COSTA COUNTY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
051008008 DEL NORTE COUNTY	331,193	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	331,193	0	331,193
051009009 EL DORADO COUNTY	944,781	0	0	0	176	0	0	0	0	944,957	0	944,957
051010010 FRESNO COUNTY	329,367	0	0	0	16,942	0	0	0	0	346,309	0	346,309
051011011 GLENN COUNTY	96,934	0	0	417	0	0	0	0	0	97,351	0	97,351
051012012 HUMBOLDT COUNTY	239,305	0	0	0	123	0	0	0	0	239,428	0	239,428
051013013 IMPERIAL COUNTY	0	0	192,414	0	0	0	0	0	0	192,414	0	192,414
051014014 INYO COUNTY	124,320	0	411,159	6,218	6,901	0	0	0	0	548,598	0	548,598

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051028028 NAPA COUNTY	0	0	794	0	342	0	0	0	1,136	0	1,136
051029029 NEVADA COUNTY	170,281	0	0	0	144	0	0	0	170,425	0	170,425
051030030 ORANGE COUNTY	7,107	0	8,042	0	0	0	0	0	15,149	0	15,149
051031031 PLACER COUNTY	377,562	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	377,596	0	377,596
051032032 PLUMAS COUNTY	776,844	0	0	142	499	0	0	0	777,485	0	777,485
051033033 RIVERSIDE COUNTY	12,977	0	0	0	1,517	0	0	0	14,494	0	14,494
051034034 SACRAMENTO COUNTY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
051035035 SAN BENITO COUNTY	0	0	0	0	9,530	0	0	0	9,530	0	9,530
051036036 SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY	106,554	0	122,723	607	34,900	0	0	0	264,784	0	264,784
051037037 SAN DIEGO COUNTY	29,264	0	0	0	7,206	0	0	0	36,470	0	36,470
052038001 SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
051039038 SAN JUAN COUNTY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
051040039 SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY	6,476	0	20,939	0	15,987	0	0	0	43,402	0	43,402

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							FWS	FERC POWER SALES	REFUGEE REVENUE SHARING		
051041040 SAN MATEO COUNTY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
051042041 SANTA BARBARA COUNTY	21,560	0	0	0	125	0	0	0	0	21,685	0
051043042 SANTA CLARA COUNTY	0	0	18,900	0	298	0	0	0	0	19,198	0
051044043 SANTA CRUZ COUNTY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
051045044 SHASTA COUNTY	496,857	0	2,669	0	2,080	0	0	0	0	501,606	0
051046045 SIERRA COUNTY	390,389	0	7,200	65	211	0	0	0	0	397,865	0
051047046 SIISKIYOU COUNTY	1,130,517	0	310,743	0	5,162	0	0	0	0	1,446,422	0
051048047 SOLANO COUNTY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
051049048 SONOMA COUNTY	0	0	703,883	0	54	0	0	0	0	703,937	0
051050049 STANISLAUS COUNTY	0	0	0	0	303	0	0	0	0	303	0
051051050 SUTTER COUNTY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
051052051 TEHAMA COUNTY	365,205	0	0	0	1,901	0	0	0	0	367,106	0
051053052 TRINITY COUNTY	648,774	0	0	0	1,821	0	0	0	0	650,595	0

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051054053 TULARE COUNTY	247,847	0	0	601	1,658	0	0	0
051055054 TUOLUMNE COUNTY	294,503	0	0	0	1,295	0	0	0
051056055 VENTURA COUNTY	19,304	0	0	0	21	0	0	0
051057056 YOLO COUNTY	0	0	639	0	496	0	0	0
051058057 YUBA COUNTY	35,114	0	0	0	65	0	0	0
TOTAL	<u>\$9,465,324<sup>a</sup></u>	<u>\$0<sup>b</sup></u>	<u>\$2,813,835<sup>c</sup></u>	<u>\$31,840</u>	<u>\$139,976</u>	<u>\$0<sup>b</sup></u>	<u>\$0<sup>d</sup></u>	<u>\$12,450,975</u>

<sup>a</sup>California Government Code Section 29484 apportions 50 percent of the payments received under this law to school districts within the units of local government. Per the Comptroller General's decision, only the amounts apportioned to the local government (and not the school fund) are reportable under the PLT Act.

<sup>b</sup>The State of California does not receive payments under these laws.

<sup>c</sup>Public Resources Code Sections 2795, 3821, 3822, 3825, and Education Code Sections 12304-7 and 12320 govern the distribution of federal receipts under the BLM Mineral leasing Act of 2/25/20. Accordingly, of the \$35,829,205 received under this Act during the federal fiscal year 1982-83, \$2,813,835 are considered payments to local governments per P.L. 97-258.

<sup>d</sup>The State of California deposits in its General Fund the payments received under this law. These payments are not considered Section 6903 (Title 31 U.S.C.) payments.

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